

and was a founder of the California Legislative Women's Caucus in 1985. That same year, she was appointed to Governor Deukmejian's waste, energy, and technology task force, where she was instrumental in composing a state waste management plan. Later in her career, Sally met Whittier's Superior Court Judge Patricia Hofstetter, who became her life partner. As a testament to her extensive service, Sally was named the First Assembly District's Woman of the Year. In addition, she has had one park and two streets named in her honor.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Sally Tanner is truly an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDY PARAGARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Randy Paragary. Randy passed away surrounded by his loving family on August 14, 2021 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Randy was a husband, father, son, and friend to many.

After graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School, he attended California State University, Sacramento and the McGeorge School of Law. Randy received his degree in law, but he decided to put his dedication into his career to entrepreneurship. The risk paid off. At the young age of 23, he opened his first bar called the ParaPow Palace in 1969. He started his growth with food, nightlife, and restaurants. The Paragary Restaurant Group owned and operated establishments in Sacramento, California such as Centro Cocina Mexicana, R15, Café Bernardo, and Paragary's Midtown. One of his recent joys was the Fort Sutter Hotel in 2020.

Randy was a family man who dearly loved his children Lisa and Sam, but he was also a hardworking businessman. He worked alongside his wonderful wife, Stacy for nearly the entire 28 years they were married. His personality was witty yet collected. He never failed to make himself and others laugh in social settings. A mentor to many, his leadership, decision-making skills, and creative mind was admired by many. A family man, he and his now 93-year-old mother and daughter would have Sunday brunch together every week up until his passing.

His delightful personality was part of what made him so successful in life, as he was always curious about others, and jumped at any opportunity to get to know a new guest at his restaurant. His business ventures were inspiring to the entire community of Sacramento, and he truly left a mark on the restaurant scene there.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Randy Paragary. His service and contributions to the State of California will not be forgotten and he will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Randy's life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ANDREW CARTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Andrew Carter who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He is a member of the greatest generation, and I am very proud to have men like Mr. Carter representing the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Carter is a native of Tippah county. He joined the U.S. Navy on May 17, 1944. He loves to tell stories of his time aboard the SS *Felipe De Nerve*, a French liner used to transport troops and supplies during heavy fighting. He survived and returned home to Mississippi. In December of 1946, Mr. Carter married Naomi Street. The couple had six children together.

Mr. Carter currently resides in Ripley. He enjoys trips to the local coffee shop to spend time with his friends, mowing the lawn, and exercising. He is a natural storyteller and has no shortage of experience.

I am so thankful for Mr. Carter's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

HONORING GEORGE KOSTYLOV

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize George Kostylov, the Principal of Kiev School No. 155 for his partnership with Phineas Anderson, head of Green Fields Country Day School in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Kostylov and Mr. Anderson started the first exchange program of sixth through twelfth-grade students between Green Fields Country Day School and the Kiev School No. 155 in 1988. Through this exchange program, Mr. Kostylov helped to better relationships between the United States and the Soviet Union during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Mr. Kostylov's leadership to further world peace between our two nations through an influential student exchange program.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of patients across the United States and around the world who rely upon medicines made from donated plasma. October 4–8 is International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW) and this year, 2021, has seen a continuation of the urgent need for more plasma

donations during this difficult pandemic so that patients with rare diseases can be assured of receiving their treatments. This week, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe IPAW via a range of events seeking to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create life-saving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies. Nearly 125,000 people in the U.S. who live with these rare diseases, as well as countless others facing trauma and emergency medical needs every day, rely on plasma protein therapies that are only available because of the commitment of dedicated plasma donors.

Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of men, women, and children in every community across the country. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies, and there are now almost 1,000 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL GARY L. THOMAS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor General Gary L. Thomas, United States Marine Corps, for the life of service he and his family have performed to our great nation. The theme of his distinguished career is one of achievement with highest honors throughout his 37 years in service to the United States of America.

General Thomas was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1984 after graduating from the University of Texas-Austin. In his 37 years as a Marine, General Thomas deployed in support of military operations in Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Notably, his bravery and skillful command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom ensured the success of follow-on combat operations in the skies and on the ground. Additionally, his masterful leadership in combat while in command of Second Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Afghanistan enabled coalition air forces to effectively provide fires, transport, and reconnaissance to